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SUBJECT: STATUS OF PENDING MARZOUK VISIT TO USA

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1. PAO MET WITH KUWAIT AMBASSADOR TO U.N., ABDULLAH BISHARA, IN NEW YORK FOR 90 MINUTES ON MARCH 6 TO DISCUSS INFORMAL, UNOFFICIAL NATURE PROPOSED TRIP KUWAIT MINISTER EDUCATION TO USA. BISHARA AGREED THAT TRIP SHOULD BE IN NATURE OF WORKING VISIT WITH MINIMUM PROTOCOL AND THAT PROGRAM SHOULD BE COORDINATED OUT OF KUWAIT EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WITH DEPARTMENT. AT BISHARA'S REQUEST PAO SUGGESTED BASIC OUTLINE FOR PROGRAM, TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

A. ARRIVAL NYC O/A MAY 1; PROGRAM TO BE ARRANGED BY BISHARA TO INCLUDE VISIT COLUMBIA, U.N. AND POSSIBLY NYT.

B. VISIT PRINCETON; PROGRAM ASSISTANCE FROM FORMER AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS.

C. PHILADELPHIA; FOR BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMMING AND VISIT UNIVERSITY PENNSYLVANIA.

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D. BALTIMORE; JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY. PROGRAM CAN BE COORDINATED THROUGH PROFESSOR JACK FISHER WHO HAS TIES WITH KUWAIT MUNICIPALITY.

E. WASHINGTON; WE HOPE MINISTER CAN BE HOSTED BY SECRETARY DHEW AND PAY VISIT TO WORKING SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE. SUGGEST PROGRAMMING AND DURATION STAY WASHINGTON BE LEFT IN HANDS AMBASSADOR JAFFAR.

F. VISIT TO MIDWEST, PERHAPS INCLUDING KENYON COLLEGE.

G. VISIT TO WEST COAST; WASHINGTON STATE RECOMMENDED FOR IN DEPT Y SURVEY OF SCHOOL SYSTEM IN SINGLE STATE; I.E., ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS PLUS STATE AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES. WASHINGTON STATE OPTIONAL. SUGGEST SELECTION OF APPROPRIATE STATE BE DISCUSSED WITH KUWAIT EMBASSY.

H. VISIT CALIFORNIA; MARZOUK WILL PROBABLY WISH TO GO DISNEYLAND.

I. POSSIBLE VISIT TO MCGILL UNIVERSITY IN CANADA.

2. ABOVE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS ONLY TENTATIVE. HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH BADER KALOUTI, MINISTER'S AIDE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY MARZOUK. HAVE APPOINTMENT MARCH 22 TO DISCUSS SAME WITH MINISTER. WILL TRY TO CONFIRM EXACT DATES VISIT AT THAT TIME. AT MOMENT WE BELIEVE MINISTER WILL STAY ONE MONTH.
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